

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 24-67 are currently pending in the application. New Claim 67 has been added. Claims 17-23 are withdrawn. Claim 56 has been amended. The amendment to Claim 56 broadens the scope of the Claim and as such is not a limiting amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the remarks contained below concerning the novelty of added Claims 24-67.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Baize (U.S. Pat. No. 6,317,838). Applicants believe that Claims 24-67 patentably distinguish over the cited art for reasons at least similar to those for Claims 1-10.

In further detail, Claim 24 recites a remote client that "receives a key of one of said set of password-key pairs from said gateway." Bayes does not disclose a remote client receiving a portion of a password-key pair because Bayes contemplates a one-way information flow from the remote client to the gateway. Instead, one-time passwords are generated at the remote client and communicated to the gateway, which checks them against internally-generated one-time passwords. By contrast, Claim 24 recites a system where the remote client uses a key received from the gateway in creating a one-time password to be transmitted back to the gateway. Claims 25-39 ultimately depend from Claim 24, which applicants believe to be allowable.

Claim 40 recites “storing a set of N encrypted values in a portable storage device,” where N is “an integer greater than one.” In contrast, Bayes discloses storing in the remote client a single secret number that is combined with a clock to create a one-time password. This one-time password, created without input from the gateway, is transmitted to the gateway. The gateway uses a clock synchronized to the remote client to generate a corresponding one-time password to compare to the one-time password received from the remote client. Therefore, Bayes also does not disclose “sending a key of one of said set of password key pairs to the remote client,” as Claim 40 recites. Claims 41-55 ultimately depend from Claim 40, which applicants believe to be allowable.

Claim 56 recites “send[ing] a key of one of said set of password-key pairs to a remote client.” Bayes does not disclose sending a key of a password-key pair to a remote client, or even the existence of password-key pairs. Instead, Bayes simply checks a one-time password received from a remote client with an internally generated one-time password. Claims 57-67 ultimately depend from Claim 56, which applicants to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has now been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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